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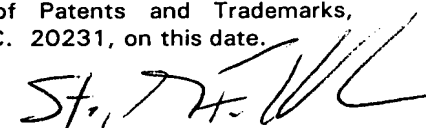
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, setting forth restriction to one of inventions I, II, or III, as required under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Invention II, viz. claims 9-26, drawn to bundle gripping units, for examination in the present application.

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